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(2) If the agent is qualified under 31 CFR part 330 (Circular No. 888, current revision) and elects to use the special endorsement procedure, the request for payment need not be signed. If the request has already been signed when the security is presented, it should be signed again.

(f) *Certification of request.* An agent is not required to complete the certification to the requests for payment on securities it redeems. When an agent transmits redeemed securities for settlement, as indicated in § 321.14 of this part, such agent shall be understood by such submission to have represented and certified that the identity of the presenter, and his or her entitlement to request payment, have been established in accordance with this part and the appendix hereto.

[53 FR 37511, Sept. 26, 1988, as amended at 55 FR 35396, Aug. 29, 1990; 59 FR 10537, Mar. 4, 1994]

§ 321.12 Redemption value of securities.

The redemption value of each savings security is determined by the terms of its offering and the length of time it has been outstanding. The Bureau of the Public Debt determines redemption values for Series A-E bonds, eligible Series EE and I bonds, and savings notes, that should be used in redeeming savings securities.

[63 FR 38042, July 14, 1998]

§ 321.13 Cancellation of redeemed securities.

A paying agent shall cancel each redeemed security by imprinting the word "PAID" on its face and entering the amount and date of the actual payment and the agent's name, location, and four-digit code number assigned by a TRS Site or nine-digit ABA code number. The recordation of this data shall constitute a certification by the agent that the security was redeemed in accordance with the provisions of this part, that the presenter's identity and entitlement to request payment were duly established, and that the proceeds were paid to the presenter or remitted to a TRS Site in payment for Series HH savings bonds.

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§ 321.14 Transmittal to and settlement with a Federal Reserve Processing Site.

Except for eligible securities redeemed on exchange pursuant to § 321.8, a paying agent shall transmit for payment all redeemed securities to a Federal Reserve Processing Site in accordance with the Federal Reserve Operating Circular.

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Subpart E—Losses Resulting From Erroneous Payments

§ 321.15 Liability for losses.

Under the governing statute, as amended (31 U.S.C. 3126(a)), an agent cannot be relieved of liability for a loss resulting from an erroneous payment unless the Secretary of the Treasury can make a determination that the loss resulted from no fault or negligence on the agent's part.

§ 321.16 Report of erroneous payment.

If an agent discovers an erroneous payment of securities, it should immediately advise the Bureau of the Public Debt, Parkersburg, WV, as further described in the instructions and guidance issued pursuant to § 321.27.

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§ 321.17 Investigation of potential loss.

(a) *Notice to an agent.* When it determines that a loss has occurred, because of the erroneous payment of securities, the Bureau of the Public Debt will notify the agent in writing and identify the securities.

(b) *Investigative procedure.* The Bureau of the Public Debt may request the United States Secret Service to investigate potential losses. Upon request, the agent shall make available to the Bureau of the Public Debt, or its investigative agent, all records and information pertaining to the transaction in question, including the disposition of the redemption proceeds. If the proceeds were deposited in an account maintained by the agent, the information made available shall include the ultimate disposition of the redemption proceeds from the account.